Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, June 17, 1884.

The City Council met in the council chamber. Present—Mayor Hyman (in the chair) Alds. Becher, Niven, Hewitt, Cowan, Beattie, Hunt, Labatt, Birrell, Stringer, Scarrow.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS READ.

From Major Coombs, Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian detachment of the Salvation Army, relative to the differences between the Army and the council, saying he would be happy to do anything he could in order that they might work amicably together short of ceasing to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. From what he could understand the real difficulty was that the drumming is calculated to frighten horses, and he was prepared to have special sergeants appointed whose sole duty shall be to watch the approach of horses and as sure as the leaat sign of restivenes is shown, to have the drums stopped and the flag lowered, in fact to do everything to ensure safety. In case of sickness if the Army were notified they would gladly cease singing and beating the drums, and he also referred to the passing of churches. He also stated that the service around the jail was at the request of the prisoners and not in any spirit of defiance. He was assured if the council would rescind the by-law and allow them to go on serving God in their own way they would be thankful and the majority of the citizens be satisfied. On motion of Ald. Birrell, seconded by Ald. Becher, it was fyled.

From D. G. Mackenzie, county clerk enclosing resolution of the board of road directors adopted by the Middlesex County Council that they are prepared to carry out the arrangements agreed to by the joint committee when tenders were asked for repairing the Oxford street bridge, and to lengthen the span of said bridge, if in the opinion of one competent engineer outside of the city and county a longer span is required. No. 2.

FREE PRESS Printing Co.—An account of $43.52. No. 1.

From W. Pearson—Appealing against income tax of $1.80 for 1883, on the ground that his income was not over $300, and he received no assessment notice. No. 1.

R. J. Young & Co.—For remission of fine for violation of sign by-law. No. 1.

From Beck & Co.—Stating that the cigar box factory in operation here has ceased to do business in London, and asking exemption from taxes and free water for five years on condition of removing their factory from Galt to London and employing twenty hands. No. 1.

City Solicitor—expressing the opinion that the Council has no power to pass a by-law permitting the faculty of the Western University to place a duly recommended student in the City Hospital for six months in each year, as they cannot bind their successors, and cannot give any such privilege for a longer period than the year for which they are elected.

M. J. Tiernan—Recommending Lawrence Moore as caretaker of Queen's Park.

Charles Doe—For permission to build a frame building on Albert street, subject to approval of City Engineer. Granted.

Ernest Fitzgerald—For permission to erect a frame dwelling. Granted.

Daniel McNeil—Application for appointment as caretaker of Queen's Park.

From the Free Library board an account of $62.25. No. 1.

From A. B. Powell and other ratepayers petitioning for the laying as a local improvement by special assessment under the act of a stoneflag sidewalk on the north side of Dundas street from Richmond to Talbot streets. No. 2 to see if the necessary signatures are attached.

From T. Hiscox and others for the laying of a stoneflag sidewalk on the north side of Dundas street between Richmond and Park Avenue. No. 2, to see if the necessary signatures are attached.

From James Duffield, for permission to move a frame building to the rear of his lot on Dufferin Avenue. Granted.

From Dr. McGuigan and others, asking that a grant of $500 be made to the 7th Fusiliers' band

A STUDENT IN THE HOSPITAL.

In reference to the communication from the city solicitor, Ald. Scarrow moved that Mr. Mitchell, a student from the Western University, be admitted to the privileges of the city hospital for six months, commencing on the first of July. Ald. O'Meara seconded.

Ald. Hunt raised the point of order.

Mayor Hyman ruled that it would be unfair not to allow the matter to come up to-night.

On motion, Mr. Mitchell, the student, was heard in reference to the matter.

Upon motion Dr. Moore was heard, and said the members of the faculty who were present at the previous meeting had not understood the matter and had no authority to speak for the faculty.

Motion carried.

CONCERT IN THE PARK.

A communication was read from the Alert base ball club asking for permission to hold a band concert in Victoria park and charge admission.

Moved by Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald Stringer, that the petition be filed.

In amendment, moved by Ald. O'Meara, seconded by Ald. Birrell that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Carried.

A communication was read from the lessee of Keost's premises asking to stand a threshing machine in front of his store on the market.

Referred to No. 3.

NUMBER THREE.

By Ald. Hunt, Chairman, recommending:—

1—That the communication of Simeon Thompson for the reduction of rent of hide office be fyled.

2—That W. Nowell, Boston, be offered the sum of $26 in full for the universal branch for the fire department.

On motion of Ald. Hunt, seconded by Ald. Becher, the report was adopted.

NUMBER TWO.

By Ald. Hewitt, recommending:

1.—That Stephen Dwyer be appointed caretaker of Queen's Park.

2.—That the tender of James Thornton of $119 for the carpenter work, and Plastow Bros. of 2¼ cents per foot for pipe for the camp be accepted, and that George Brown be appointed caretaker.

Report taken up clause by clause.

1st Clause was read.

Messrs. Dwyer, Pollard McNeil, Stansfield, Moore, and Carter were proposed as caretaker for Queen's Park.

On the first vote Messrs. Stansfield and Moore dropped out.

Second vote.—Pollard, 6; Dwyer, 5; Carter, 3; McNeil, 1.

Third vote.—Pollard, 6; Dwyer, 5; Carter, 1.

Fourth vote.—Pollard, 6; Dwyer, 5.

Mr. Pollard was appointed.

Clause 1 passed, and the clause, as amended. adopted. 2nd clause read and adopted.

NUMBER ONE.

By Ald. Birrell, Chairman, recommending.

1—Payment of the following accounts:

Hospital.		
Pay Sheet	$143 00	
J. Stevens & Sons	120 00	
W. Stevely	29 20	
W. J. Reid & Co	57 77	
Advertiser Co	5 00	
J. S. Marshall	14 00	
T. Brock	43 57	
W. Y. Brunton & Son	39 58	
J. Ranahan	41 70	
C. MacCallum	36 20	
Jas. Perkin	159 14	
S. Cooper	41 76	
Tytler & Bullen	219 69	
A. D. Cameron	36 69	
		987 30
Fire Department.		
Plastow Bros	$86 22	
James Percival	24 85	
		$111 07
Street Watering.		
J. D. Findlater	27 25	
		27 25
Printing and Advertising.		
Catholic Record	7 20	
W. L. Carrie	0 45	
Advertiser	118 86	
		126 51
Assessors' Salaries.		
W. D. Buckle	100 00	
S. Grant	100 00	
		200 00
Incidental Expense.		
Soper	27 00	
		27 00
Rent.		
Southern Pound	12 50	
		12 50
Relief.		
Sundries, per Mayor	$10 00	
Tytler & Bullen	31 00	
Belleville Institute for Deaf and Dumb	29 65	
		70 65
No. 2 Committee.		
Pay sheet, June 6	$316 35	
" " Park	22 75	
" " June 13	623 87	
" " Park	25 63	
Cathro & Rogers	33 00	
W. Cathro	39 60	
W. Smith	1 000 00	
I. Crouse	500 00	
John Bryan	36 00	
John Turner	3 93	
Sime & Webb	16 00	
Ferguson Bros	354 34	
W. Smith	21 76	3,063 23
County of Middlesex.		
Proportion Sheriff's charges '82	$221 20	
" " '83	238 70	
" charges, Clerk of Peace, 1882.3	498 32	
		$958 82
		$5,584 33

2. That the petition of Mrs. Clegg for remission of taxes for 1883 be granted by allowing a rebate of $19.25, being one half of her taxes.

3. That the petition of Joseph Warden for remission of taxes $3.60, be granted.

4. That the petitions of Thomas Berman and M. A. Thogmorten for remission of dog tax be fyled.

5. Your committee beg to submit report of police court clerk for May.

It showed that fines amounting to $136.44 had been imposed, of which $123.50 had been paid out, leaving a balance of $12.94. The amount imposed on persons committed was $52.20, and $3.30 extension of time was allowed.

6—Your committee beg to submit the requisition of the School Board for the year from July 1st 1884 to June 30th 1885 for the sum of $36,000.80

7—Your committee report progress in petition of Mrs. McNeill.

On motion of Ald. Birrell, seconded by Ald. Hewitt, the report was adopted.

GRANT TO THE BAND.

Ald. Hunt moved that the band be granted $500.

Ald Hewitt seconded.

In amendment Ald. Stringer moved that the matter be referred to No. 1.

Ald. Cowan asked if the resolution were passed if it would not have to go to No. 1 anyway.

Ald. Stringer raised the point of order.

Mayor Hyman said that as notice of motion had been given at a previous meeting it was not necessary that the matter should go to No. 1.

Ald. Stringer withdrew his motion and point of order.

In amendment it was moved by Ald. Cowan, seconded by Ald. Beattie, that an arrangement be made with the 7th Battalion band to give a series of concerts during the summer months, say at least ten, — one each Friday evening — the Council for the due performance of such services by at least thirty—five performers will pay the sum of $40 for each concert, and that the settlement of the whole matter be referred to No. 2 Committee.

Carried.

Moved by Ald. Cowan, seconded by Ald. Hewitt, that as Victoria Park is free to the citizens to enter thereon at all reasonable hours the practice of charging an admission fee to band concerts or for any other purpose be discontinued on and after the first of July—carried.

Ald. Becher's resolution *re* sale of exhibition grounds was allowed to stand over till next meeting.

Engineer Tracy reported that there was not a quorum at the meeting of the joint committee of the city and county regarding the Oxford street bridge and that nothing was done.

On motion, the Council adjourned at 8.45 for three weeks.